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**Mere Days After Court Strikes Down Restrictions,
Nixon Designates \$13 million for Fund that Could Go to Abortion Services and
Human Cloning**

Nixon's Silence on Restriction Raises Concerns of Funneling to Private Groups

St. Louis, Missouri - January 28, 2009 - Governor Jay Nixon's proposed budget for 2010 includes designating \$13 million for the Life Sciences Research Trust Fund. While this amount is significantly less than previous governors' budgets, the timing raises serious questions about what Governor Nixon is intending. Restrictions placed on the Life Sciences Trust Fund at its formation in 2003 including the prohibition of money flowing to fund abortion services, human cloning and other prohibited research. These restrictions were struck down just weeks ago in Cole County Court in a case initiated by Missouri Roundtable for Life and Fred N. Sauer.

"Questions remains as to the intention of Governor Nixon," said Missouri Roundtable for Life Executive Director Todd Jones, a lawyer who served as a prosecutor in the office of then-Attorney General Nixon. "By putting \$13 million into the Fund without restrictions, it seems likely that Nixon may be trying to get money to groups like Planned Parenthood or the Stowers Institute, groups that could not have received money previously due to restrictions and groups that support Nixon politically. We call upon Governor Nixon and the legislature to make clear that in the budget that the restrictions must still be honored."

The Missouri Roundtable for Life is seeking an amendment to the Missouri Constitution that would bar any public funds from ever going to abortion services or human cloning.

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